



Groups News, June 2026

Please distribute to all Group members

Greetings,

At the AGM I stepped down as President and the Leadership Team but was keen to do the Groups Liaison role if the new Leadership Team accepted me doing it off Leadership. Guess what, I am The Groups Liaison again, which I am very happy about! Please use this new email address to contact me: groupsliaison.saquilters@gmail.com or phone 0447 005 072.

Groups grants for 2026 were announced at the AGM. Congratulations to the Country groups that received grants: Clare Quilters (40th Birthday exhibition), Northern Yorke Peninsula Quilters (40th Birthday celebrations) and Inman Quilters (Rural Roundup). There were no applications for city grants. Hopefully we can change that next year. I look forward to seeing the articles in I-Patch of the activities you do to spend your grants.

Please reach out if you would like help in applying for grants, I am happy to help whether it be for SAQ grants and other grants. SA Quilters will act as auspices for unincorporated groups if a grant requires the applicant to be an Incorporated Association. Please remember, wadding and backing grants up to \$250 can be applied for anytime during the year, and successful applicants of any grants can re-apply for SA Quilters grants after 3 years, and groups must have been financial for last three years to apply.



I had the pleasure of attending the Golden Harvest Quilters exhibition in March, which was held during Minlaton 150th Birthday. Photo on left is of Fiona and Marlene, VP and President of GHQ.



The exhibition was very busy with many coming for the 150th celebrations, including Her Excellency, France Adamson, Governor of South Australia and SA Quilters member Zara Zannettino. Photo on right.

40th Birthdays and other celebrations

SAQ celebrated their 40th Birthday two years ago and now some of our older groups are also celebrating their 40th Birthdays. Well done, it is a massive achievement by all your members over the years! SA Quilters would love to hear your stories and know how you are celebrating your Birthday or any other activities your group is doing. It would be lovely if your group could write an article for I-Patch, and/or members of your group came and shared at a monthly members meeting. Please contact me if you would like to share at a meeting and send articles to: ipatch.saquilters@gmail.com. The article can be just text and photos; no formatting is needed.

Mini Exhibition pieces: SA Quilters have some mini quilt sets we loan out to groups to display at exhibitions or special events. After the 2026 Festival of Quilts exhibition the following sets of mini quilts will be available:

- Appraisal **Red and White 40th Birthday** appraised pieces
- Appraisal **Black and White plus one** appraised pieces
- President's '**Texture**' prompt challenge
- Modern Mix **Picasso Inspired Faces** challenge

Contact me for information to loan these sets.



Tiger Team Fabric: SA Quilters often gets fabric donated from the community that we would love to pass onto groups to use for community quilt projects. Please let me know if your group would like to be included on the list of groups to receive fabric when it becomes available.

Sewing Room Visits: I have just caved after three years of being asked by Cindy and Jane to have them visit my sewing room to do a video for the SA Quilters YouTube channel! Cindy and Jane love to visit your sewing rooms and make sure it is a lot of fun for everyone. Please let me know if someone from your city group or a group of three or four from your country group would volunteer so I can put you in touch with Cindy and Jane. The videos and stories are always lots of fun.

Reminder: Rural Roundup, is on 24th October 2026, hosted by Inman Valley Quilters in Victor Harbor. Registrations forms have been sent out to country groups via email, if you are a country group and haven't received the registration details please contact the membership secretary: membership.saquilters@gmail.com to check your group's contact details are correct. I am looking forward to catching up with many of you at Rural Roundup.

Please let me know of any events/activities/meetings you would like me or Leadership Team members to attend, or to advertise in I-Patch, on Facebook/Instagram, or at members meetings. I love visiting groups and being inspired by what you do.

Happy quilting everyone.

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